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RE: Escalante Silver Mine, 9/11/01 Revised Groundwater Sampling and Analysis Plan

Dear Mr. Wilson:

This is to acknowledge our receipt and review of the above referenced document. This document has been determined to be complete and is hereby approved subject to the following conditions and comments:

1. This groundwater sampling and analysis plan amends and supercedes all previous plans approved as a provision of the Stipulation and Consent Agreement Docket No. UGW92-04. It shall be attached and become an enforceable addendum to the referenced agreement.
2. This plan shall be used to fulfill all future monitoring requirements specified in the referenced agreement.

Should you have questions concerning the above or wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Larry Mize of this office.

Sincerely,

UTAH WATER QUALITY BOARD

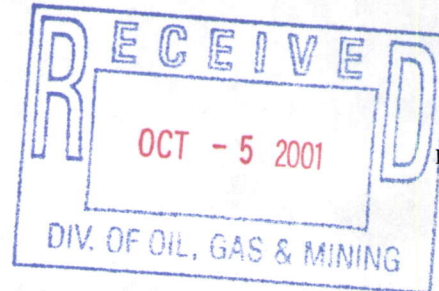
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